(c) when this legislation is expected to be introduced; and

(d) how it shall be beneficial to common man in both the cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R.BHARDWAJ): (a) Provisions for registration of marriages exist in certain existing laws like the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936, the Special Marriage Act, 1954 and the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. Hence there is no proposal to introduce any legislation in this regard.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Corruption cases pending in courts

1436. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of cases related to corruptions are pending in various courts of the country;

(b) if so, the total number of pending cases in the Supreme Court and various High Courts at present;

(c) the number of such cases which are pending in the courts for the last five or more years; and

(d) the details of steps taken of proposed to be taken for reducing the corruption cases?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R.BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cases relating to smuggling of wildlife items

1437. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases related to smuggling of wildlife items lying pending in the Tis Hazari court till date;

(b) whether Government have appointed a public prosecutor to expedite cases registered under the wildlife (Protection) Act; and

(c) the present status of such cases and Government's plans to deal with them?